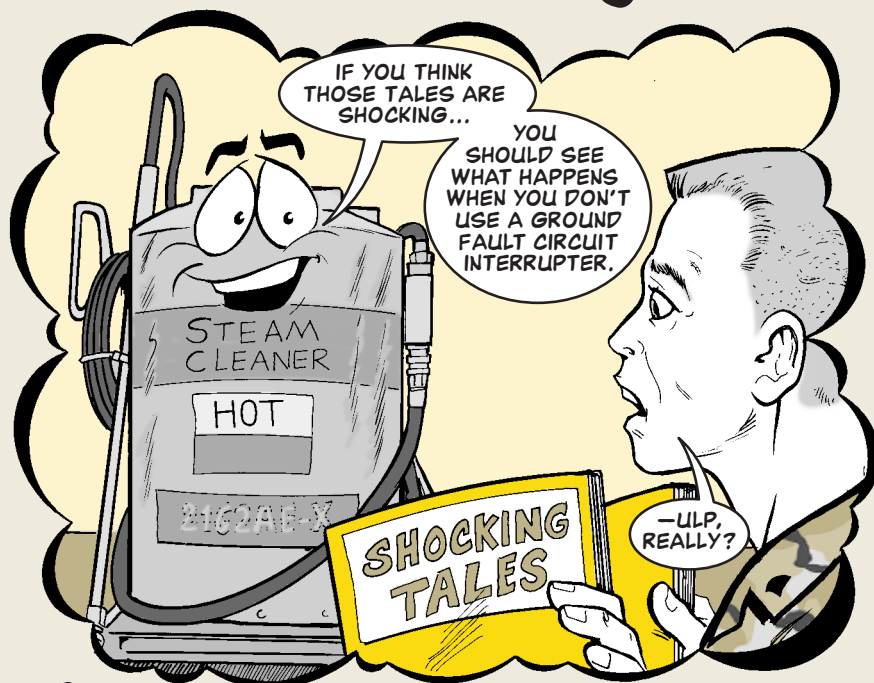


Protect Against Faulty Grounds



Getting shocked on dry ground is one thing. Getting shocked while soaking wet or standing in water is something else.

That's what can happen if your steam cleaner doesn't have ground fault circuit interrupter (GFCI) protection. A GFCI will shut down equipment when it recognizes a faulty ground.

According to Safety-of-Use Message (SOU) TACOM-00-016, all steam cleaners listed below, plus any commercial cleaners or pressure washers, are not fully mission capable unless they have GFCI protection:

NSN 4940-	Nomenclature
00-186-0027	Skid-mounted steam cleaner
00-473-6218	Skid-mounted steam cleaner
01-025-9856	Trailer-mounted steam cleaner

So what can you do to make sure you're protected?

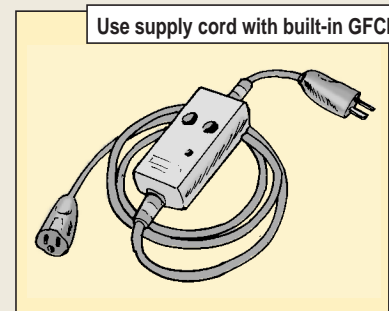
First, make sure the steam cleaner is plugged into a power outlet equipped with a GFCI certified by a licensed electrician.

These GFCI systems can be purchased at hardware stores or on the Internet at:

<http://www.squared.com/us/internet/resident.nsf>

Click on Ground Fault Protection.

Second, connect the steam cleaner to an electric supply cord with a built-in GFCI (250V AC or less, single-phase).



You can locally purchase small cords that have a receptacle plug on one end and a GFCI box on the other. This cord can be used between the steam cleaner and the electrical outlet.

Third, attach a tag to the cord that states:

WARNING!
Risk of electrocution. This product is provided with a GFCI built into the power cord plug. If replacement of the plug is needed, use only identical replacement parts. Do not remove this tag.

This tag is required by Underwriter's Laboratory Standard 1776.

You can get an electronic copy of UL 1776 or a copy of the SOUM by contacting

TACOM-Rock Island's Bob Davidson, DSN 793-6820, e-mail davidsonr@ria.army.mil or Judith Windham, DSN 793-6367, e-mail windhamj2@ria.army.mil or your TACOM-RI logistics assistance representative (LAR). To find the LAR nearest you, log onto the Army Electronic Product Support (AEPS) website:

<http://aeaps.ria.army.mil>

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